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REMARKS

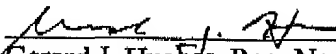
Claim 12 has been cancelled in response to the Examiner's double patenting objection under 37 CFR 1.75. Accordingly, applicants' request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-12 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-11 of U.S. 6,162,350. These claims were also provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-8 of co-pending applications U.S. 09/869,983 and 09/869,988. Enclosed herewith are terminal disclaimers which should obviate these double patenting rejections.

It is urged that this case is now in condition to be allowed. Favorable action is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney should the Examiner wish to discuss this application further.

Respectfully submitted:

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